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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Ralf M. Luche and Bo Wei  
Application No. : 09/544,517  
Filed : April 6, 2000  
For : DSP-4 DUAL-SPECIFICITY PHOSPHATASE

Examiner : Charles L. Patterson, Jr.  
Art Unit : 1652  
Docket No. : 200125.410  
Date : October 15, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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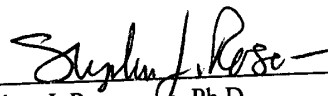
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 21, 2001, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on October 21, 2001. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 21, 2001, applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 2-14 and 22-25 for examination at this time.

In view of the above election, applicants hereby withdraw claims 1, 15-21, 26-49 without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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